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☐ the s	the said international application, or the said claims Nos. relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (specify):				
5,8	the description, claims or drawings (indicate particular elements below) or said claims Nos. 5,8,14,20,21,22,24,26,30,38,40,41,42,44,47,59,67,68,70,71,72,73 are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (specify):				
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International application No. PCT/JP2005/010754

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1. Statement

Novelty (N)

Yes: Claims

2,3,4

No: Claims

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Inventive step (IS)

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On the basis of Article 34(4)(a)(ii) and Article 35(3)(a) PCT, no statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) or Article 35(2) PCT can be delivered except for claim 1.

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